

## **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Legislative Update: June 28, 2013**

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We are pleased to bring our readers a final recap of the 2013 Arizona Legislative session. The ongoing tracking spreadsheet for our work this session has been updated and we are showing the final outcome of each item, as well as a brief history of the ongoing work that was done. Please note the text of each bill is linked to the signed item for easy review.

The next Legislative session is likely to be as or even more, exciting in terms of activities that will have a direct impact on Arizona's citizens with developmental disabilities. The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will continue its strong efforts to bring advocacy activities forward in all important areas of potential legislation.

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**Bill Status Summary Table****June 28, 2013**

Key:

Passed	In Progress	Failed
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Please refer to the Glossary at the end of the document for definitions of unfamiliar terms.

\* Indicates items new to the report this week

BILLS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ISSUES			
Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Final Disposition
HB 2042 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	<p><del>Technical correction; home health agencies</del></p> <p>Now: Schools, Pupils with Diabetes</p> <p>Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency situation under certain circumstances.</p>	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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HB 2044 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Continuation.  Extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023.	Held in Senate.
HB 2045 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology  Change the way hospitals are paid; no longer require legislature to approve new rates.	Signed 6/19/13
HB 2047 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP); <a href="#">P. Boyer</a> (REP)	AIMS Replacement  Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education	Held in Senate.
HB 2066 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Representatives <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP);	Definitions; Archaic Language; Removal  Makes various changes to definition sections of current ARS in order to remove archaic language.	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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HB2089 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Chronically Ill Children Amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.	Held awaiting House action on Senate amendments.
HB2091 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Orthotic Services; Restoration Amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.	Held in Senate.
HB 2144 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">C. Miranda</a> (DEM); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP)	Child Protective Services Amends or changes the current ARS that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.	Vetoed 6/19/13.
HB 2158 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representative <a href="#">J. Kavanagh</a> (REP).	Court-ordered Evaluations This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause.	Held in Senate.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Final Disposition
HB 2161 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: <a href="#">C. Campbell</a> (DEM); <a href="#">E. Meyer</a> (DEM), <a href="#">B. Wheeler</a> (DEM), <a href="#">M. A. Cardenas</a> (DEM), <a href="#">A. Delessandro</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. McCune Davis</a> (DEM)	License Fee; Service Dogs; Waiver  Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.	Held in Committees.
HB 2259 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Representatives <a href="#">T. Forese</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Montenegro</a> (REP); <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Dial</a> (REP); <a href="#">T.J. Shope</a> (REP)	<del>Vocational Rehabilitation; Prosthetic Appliances; Orthodontics</del> <input type="checkbox"/> NOW: Orthodontic devices; Transaction Privilege Tax  For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.	Signed by Governor 4/17/13
HB 2401 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	Service Animal; Definition.  Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals.	Signed by Governor 4/5/13

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HB 2458 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">P. Boyer</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Allen</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. D. Mesnard</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Olson</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Robson</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Townsend</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP);	Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Fraud Prevention Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA), and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13
HB 2476 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Representatives <a href="#">K. Townsend</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Borrelli</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Kwasman</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Lesko</a> (REP); <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Stevens</a> (REP);	Schools; Isolation Rooms; Restrictions This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline.	Signed by Governor 4/3/13
HB 2483 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representative <a href="#">D. Stevens</a> (REP);	Public Notices; Publishing; Public Medium Requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.	Failed in House 3/18/13
HB2533 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP); <a href="#">P. Lovas</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Biggs</a> (REP);	Local Governments; Public Notices; Website Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.	Held in Senate.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Final Disposition
SB 1090 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senators: <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">K. Hobbs</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Lopez</a> (DEM); <a href="#">B. McGuire</a> (DEM); <a href="#">A. Tovar</a> (DEM); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Burges</a> (REP); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP); Representative <a href="#">C. Miranda</a> (DEM);	Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend <input type="checkbox"/> Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.	Held in House.
SB 1093 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Senator <a href="#">J. McComish</a> (REP); Representatives <a href="#">J. Dial</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Robson</a> (REP)	Disability Placards; Non-profit Organizations Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates.	Signed by Governor 4/30/13

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SB 1100 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Senators: <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Hobbs</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Lopez</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Meza</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Pancrazi</a> (DEM); <a href="#">M. Raegan</a> (REP); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">C. Crandell</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">G. Griffin</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Pierce</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP)	ASDB; Continuation  Continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.	Signed by Governor 5/7/13
SB1108 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Senators: <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Burges</a> (REP); <a href="#">G. Griffin</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Lesko</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Biggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. Shooter</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP)	Foster Home Licensure; Immunizations  Prohibits DES from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13



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SB 1437 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senators <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">A Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Pierce</a> (REP);	Music Therapists; Licensure  Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist.	VETOED by Governor 4/30/13
SB1208 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Senators: <a href="#">A Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Tovar</a> (DEM); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Alston</a> (DEM); <a href="#">T. Forese</a> (REP); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">C. Crandell</a> (REP); <a href="#">R. Crandall</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Worsley</a> (REP);  Representatives: <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Olson</a> (REP).	Pilot; Foster care tuition waiver  Establishes a five-year pilot program that expands eligibility for tuition waiver scholarships for those in foster care, who meet certain conditions and attend any Arizona public university or community college.	Signed by Governor 6/20/13.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Final Disposition
SB 1375 <a href="#">Text of Bill</a>	Senators: <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Burges</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Hobbs</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">G. Griffin</a> (REP); <a href="#">A.</a> <a href="#">Melvin</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP);	Behavioral Health Services; Dependent Children Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Economic Services (DES) and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to collaboratively determine the most efficient way to provide services to eligible children in foster care and requires DHS and DES to report monthly on behavioral health services for children in foster care.	Signed by Governor 6/19/13.

**DETAILED INFORMATION**

***June 28, 2013***

**Bills Related to Developmental Disability Issues:**

***HB 2042:*** ~~TECHNICAL CORRECTION; HOME HEALTH AGENCIES~~  
NOW: SCHOOLS; PUPILS WITH DIABETES

**Status:** **Passed House 3/5/13 with amendments. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 3/7/13. 3/14/13 & 3/20/13 Recommendation: Do Pass Signed by Governor 4/11/13**

**Summary:** Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency under certain circumstances. Expands the required training provided by a licensed health professional regarding diabetes.

***HB 2044:*** ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS); CONTINUATION.

**Status:** **Passed House 2/13/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13. Recommendation: Do Pass. 3/5/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Held in Senate.**

**Summary:** This law would extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023

***HB 2045:*** AHCCCS; HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY

**Status:** **Passed House 2/21/13. Passed Senate with amendments 4/15/13. Amendments Passed House 5/15/13. Passed Senate 5/16/13. Signed by Governor 6/19/13.**

**Summary:** This law changes the way hospitals are paid using a process similar to those established in the Social Security Act. The law would no longer require the legislature to approve new rates.

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**HB 2047:** PUPIL ASSESSMENTS; AIMS TRANSITION

**Status:** Passed House with amendments 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13.  
3/21/13: Education Committee – discussion only. Held in Senate.

**Summary:** AIMS Replacement□

Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education

**HB 2066:** DEFINITION; ARCHAIC LANGUAGE; REMOVAL

**Status:** Passed House. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13.  
2/27/13 Recommendation: Do Pass  
Signed by Governor 4/11/13

**Summary:** Makes various changes to definition sections of statute in order to remove archaic language.

**HB 2089:** AHCCCS; CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Passed Senate with amendments 5/14/13. Transmitted to House 5/14/13. 5/16/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence recommended. Held awaiting House action on Senate amendments.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.

This law would include the following actions:

- a) Use a definition of chronic illness or physical disability;
- b) Specify a diagnosis before the age of 21 years of age and whose primary diagnosis is a severe physical condition that requires ongoing medical intervention;
- c) As monies are available – a program will be established for these children that evaluates their needs; gathers statistical information; and sets up service delivery.
- d) A statewide information and referral service to enhance service delivery
- e) Acceptance of federal monies for these services
- f) This program will continue through July 1, 2023.

***HB 2091:*** AHCCCS; ORTHOTIC SERVICES; RESTORATION

**Status:** Passed House 3/6/13. Passed Senate COW with amendments 4/25/13. Held in Senate.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.

This law restores coverage for orthotic device if it is prescribed; the device is less expensive than other treatment options or surgical procedures and it is medically recognized as the preferred treatment.

***HB 2144:*** CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Passed Senate with amendments 6/13/13. Amendments passed House 6/13/13. Transmitted to Governor 6/14/13. VETOED 6/19/13.

**Summary:** Amends or changes the section of the Arizona Revised Statutes that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.

***HB 2158:*** COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee. Senate second read: 3/5/13. Recommendation: Do Pass 3/13/13. Held in Senate.

**Summary:** This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause, rather than observed behavior (current). It also extends the time period, from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, a person may be detained in custody for emergency admission.

***HB 2161:*** LICENSE FEE; SERVICE DOGS; WAIVER

**Status:** Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13. Held in committee.

**Summary:** Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.

This law permits the members of the Board of Supervisors of each Arizona County to not charge a person with disability and who uses a service animal. The person with the service dog must provide proof that the dog is a service animal in order to not have to pay a regular fee.

**HB 2259:** VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES; ORTHODONTICS

**Status:** Passed House with Amendments 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Finance Committee. Senate second read: 3/4/13. 3/6/13 Recommendation: Do Pass.  
3/19/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y  
Signed by Governor 4/17/13

**Summary:** For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.

**HB 2401:** SERVICE ANIMAL; DEFINITION.

**Status:** Passed House 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Health and Human Services committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13  
3/6/13 & 3/13/13 Recommendation: Do Pass.  
3/19/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y  
Signed by Governor 4/5/13.

**Summary:** Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals. This law clarifies and expands the definition of the term service animal to include an animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. This includes a miniature horse that is individually trained to do work for a disabled individual.

**HB 2458:** EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; FRAUD PREVENTION

**Status:** Passed House 2/19/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read 2/25/13.  
2/28/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments.  
3/5/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y  
Signed by Governor 5/2/13.

**Summary:** Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.

**HB 2476:** SCHOOLS; ISOLATION ROOMS; RESTRICTIONS

**Status:** Passed House 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13

3/7/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments.

3/19/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y.

COW action: Do Pass with amendments. 3/21/13 Passed with amendments.

3/21/13 Transmitted to House for action on amendments:

3/25/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y  
Concurrence recommended.

Signed by Governor 4/3/13.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline. It provides for the following actions: beginning in the school year 2013-2014, disciplinary policies for the confinement of pupils left alone in an enclosed space will ensure the criteria for confinement; the size of the room in which the confinement will occur; the maximum number of minutes that the pupil will be physically prevented from exiting the room in which the confinement occurs; the method for monitoring the pupil.

**HB 2483** PUBLIC NOTICES; PUBLISHING; PUBLIC MEDIUM

**Status:** Failed House 3/18/13.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to the publishing of statutory public notices. It requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.

**HB 2533** LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PUBLIC NOTICES; WEBSITE

**Status:** 3/18/13 Passed House on reconsideration. Assigned to Senate Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 3/20/13. Held in Committee 3/21/13. Held in Senate.

**Summary:** Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.

**SB 1090:** DEPENDENT CHILDREN; PLACEMENT;  
GRANDPARENTS; STIPEND

**Status:** Passed Senate with amendments 2/18/13. Passed House  
4/22/13 with amendments. Held in House.

**Summary:** Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents  
and great grandparents who are caring for their children.

**SB 1093:** DISABILITY PLACARDS; NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS

**Status:** Passed Senate 2/6/13. Assigned to House Transportation  
Committee. House second read: 2/19/13.  
3/14/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments.  
3/26/13. Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y.  
Signed by Governor 4/30/13.

**Summary:** Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to  
special license plates. This law allows the issuance of up to  
three permanently disabled removable windshield placards to a  
nonprofit organization that provides assistance to senior  
citizens.

**SB 1100:** ASDB; CONTINUATION

**Status:** Passed Senate. Assigned to House Education Committee.  
House second read: 2/19/13. Recommendation: Do Pass  
2/25/13  
3/12/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y.  
Signed by Governor 5/7/13.

**Summary:** This law continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State  
Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.

The ASDB was established in 1912 to serve children from birth  
through age 21. The schools currently serve over 2200 students  
on three campuses, preschool services and contracted services  
provided at local schools. The Board continues until July 1,  
2023. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the general fund.

**SB 1108:** FOSTER HOME LICENSURE; IMMUNIZATIONS

**Status:** Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee.



**2/20/13: Failed to pass Senate 14-15. 2/21/13: Passed House on re-consideration 27-2. Assigned to House Reform & Human Services Committee. House second read: 2/26/13. 3/7/13 Recommendation: Do Pass. 3/19/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y Signed by Governor 5/2/13.**

**Summary:** This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

**SB 1437: MUSIC THERAPISTS; LICENSURE**

**Status: Passed Senate 3/19/13**

**Assigned to House Reform and Human Services Committee House second read: 3/20/2013.**

**Passed House 4/9/13. Passed Senate 4/22/13.**

**VETOED by Governor 4/30/13.**

**Summary:** Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist. Beginning October 1, 2014, a person is prohibited from engaging in the "practice of music therapy" (defined) or claiming to be a music therapist unless the person is licensed. Establishes disciplinary actions, including civil penalties for violations of these regulations.

**Impact:** • To be determined

**SB 1208: PILOT; FOSTER CARE TUITION WAIVER**

**Status: Passed Senate 3/6/13. Passed House with amendments 5/8/13. Amendments Passed Senate 6/13/13. Signed by Governor 6/20/13.**

**Summary:** This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

***SB 1375:*** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; DEPENDENT CHILDREN

**Status:** Passed Senate 3/4/13. Passed House with amendments 6/11/13. Amendments Passed Senate 6/13/13. Signed by Governor 6/19/13.

**Summary:** Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Economic Services (DES) and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to collaboratively determine the most efficient way to provide services to eligible children in foster care and requires DHS and DES to report monthly on behavioral health services for children in foster care.

**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS PASSED/SIGNED  
INTO LAW**

- [HCM 2007](#) Cherrybell; Mail Processing Center
- [HCR 2019](#) National Wear Red Day
- [HCR 2020](#) First Responders Recognition Day
- [HCR 2034](#) Arizona Territory; 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- [HCR 2035](#) Recognizing Arizona Caregivers  
*A first step in creating support and resources for Arizona's 855,000 family caregivers. Family caregivers provide the majority of all caregiving for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and frail elders.*
- [HCR 2036](#) Boy Scouts of America
- [HR 2001](#) Recognizing Autism Organizations  
*The Members of the House of Representatives recognize the worthwhile organizations in this state, including the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, that are dedicated to providing support to people affected by autism and to advancing research efforts regarding autism spectrum disorder.*
- [HM 2002](#) Victims' Rights Amendment; Federal Constitution
- [SCM 1001](#) Clean Air Act
- [SCR1009](#) Inmate Labor and Services
- [SCR 1012](#) EPA Actions; Haze
- [SCR 1013](#) Endangered Species Act
- [SCR 1014](#) Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner
- [SCR 1015](#) Support; Second Amendment
- [SCR 1016](#) Unconstitutional Federal Actions to Ballot
- [SCR 1020](#) Sheriff Larry Dever; Death Resolution
- [SCR 1021](#) Death Resolution; Bill Konopnicki
- [SR 1003](#) Honoring Paul & Lorena Williams
- [SR 1004](#) Death Resolution; Bud Strom

- [Senate Proclamation](#) Declaring October as Dwarfism Awareness Month (see below for a copy of the proclamation).

*In an effort to be proactive in encouraging public awareness of positive stories of the dwarfism community and in keeping with their mission Little People of America (LPA) has declared October National Dwarfism Awareness Month. The following states have now passed resolutions calling for October to be Dwarfism Awareness Month: Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, and Puerto Rico.*



## Senate Proclamation

### Proclaiming October as Dwarfism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 648 persons with dwarfism residing in the State of Arizona, averaging one per every 10,000 births, over 30,000 people in the United States, and over 650,000 in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are over 200 distinct types of dwarfism or skeletal dysplasias; the most common type of dwarfism, achondroplasia, restricts the growth of the arms and legs; the typical height range for persons with dwarfism is 2 feet 8 inches to 4 feet 5 inches; and

WHEREAS, over eighty percent of persons with dwarfism have average-height parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, the medical prognosis for people with dwarfism varies from condition to condition, and with the severity of that condition in each individual; the majority of persons with dwarfism enjoy normal life spans and reasonably good health; Others will require surgeries or other medical interventions to address complications and maximize mobility; and

WHEREAS, the term "midget" is antiquated, and is considered offensive to most people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, the preferred terminology for someone with dwarfism is "person of short stature," "having dwarfism," or "little person"; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are able to function as well in society as average-height people and are perfectly capable of playing sports, driving cars, traveling, and having fulfilling careers and families – all with simple and reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism can turn to support organizations such as the Little People of America (LPA), the nation's oldest and largest organization for persons with dwarfism, for guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, LPA was founded by the late actor Billy Barty, who during his over 70-year career appeared in more than 100 films and television shows; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism contribute to the strength of the economy in Arizona by being productive members of the workforce, representing all careers and professions; and

WHEREAS, LPA has declared October as National Dwarfism Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona State Senate designates October as Dwarfism Awareness Month in Arizona to increase public knowledge about persons with dwarfism.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

  
ANDY BIGGS  
President of the Senate

